

TROPICANA CLASSIC 2024

TCQHP RULES & REGULATIONS

COVID RULES

Entry to grounds will be subject to the current Queensland State Government COVID-19 guidelines.

HORSES

Must be registered with the AQHA or other relevant breed organisations (Rule 42.5b).

For Western Dressage Australia and Australian Reined Cow Horse Association sections of the competition all breeds are eligible to compete (as per individual association rules).

COMPETITORS

Must be financial members of the AQHA or a temporary member of the TCQHP. The Tropicana Classic Quarter Horse and Performance Club strongly recommends that you be a member of the AQHA, or you must pay a temporary membership of \$25.

AMATEUR

Amateur & Select Amateur must hold a current Amateur permit with their respective breed Association.

NOVICE AMATEUR

A Novice Amateur must hold a Novice Amateur Permit with the AQHA or their respective breed association. Eligibility for Novice classes is that they have not earned 20 or more points in a relevant class. It is the rider's responsibility to make sure that they are eligible for Novice Class.

NOVICE HORSE

A Novice Horse must hold a Novice Horse permit with the AQHA or their respective breed association. Eligibility for Novice classes is that they have not earned 20 or more points in a relevant class. It is the rider's responsibility to make sure that they are eligible for Novice Class. Novice Horses eligible may only enter in a Novice Horse or Aged class, not both (excluding Futurity's, Maturity's & Feature Events).

BEGINNER

A beginner is defined as not having won a class at an AQHA, PHAA or AAA 'AA' show or an ARCHA affiliated show. Riders who have won classes at an AQHA, PHAA or AAA 'A' or 'B' show are eligible to compete in this division.

YOUTH

Youth ages will be as of 1st August 2022 and must have the written permission of a parent or guardian or legal guardian to compete.

RULES

Performance rules of the AQHA, ARCHA and WDA shall apply and shall take precedence over all other rules where conflict arises.

ENTRIES

Open: **May 2024**

Close: **Monday 17th June 2024** through JotForm, payment required online, or entry will not be accepted.

LATE ENTRIES

Taken at Show Office on **27th June 2024** and allowed up to 1pm the day prior to that class being held.

Extra classes for a horse that is already entered – Entry fee as advertised plus additional late fee may apply.

Entry for a horse not entered in Show: Administration fee of \$25 and Facility Fee of \$6.50 will apply. A late entry fee may be charged.

ADMINISTRATION LEVY - \$25 per horse

STABLE, CAMPING, TACK For QLD State Show & Tropicana Classic 2023

Stabling to be booked through JotForm or to be downloaded and emailed to: tcqhpnominations@gmail.com. Stable allocation and parking will be done by the Tropicana Classic Quarter Horse & Performance Committee, please notify of preferences as per barns. NB: The online bookings include bookings for Caboolture Showgrounds.

PROHIBITED EQUIPMENT FOR SHOWING Rules 82.3 and 83.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Youth Classes – If a horse is entered in a youth class, and is vetted out of the show, then that Youth can use a replacement horse if the replacement horse has been previously entered in the show. The horse that is vetted out will remain ineligible for further competition for the duration of the show.

Amateur Classes – If the Amateurs horse is vetted out, they will be permitted to use a replacement horse for that class if the replacement horse had been previously entered in the show. The replacement horse must be eligible according to the AQHA Amateur Rules. **NB:** A Junior Horse cannot replace a Senior Horse. The horse that is vetted out will remain ineligible for further competition for the duration of the show.

Open Classes – Change of rider/handler is permitted

The above substitutions must be made to the Show Office no later than 1 hour prior to the commencement of the respective class. (Subject to circumstance)

PRIZE MONEY

Prize money listed, will be paid to 3rd place: 50%, 30%, 20%

Jackpot classes will be Entry fee less 25% for all horse/riders that compete in the class and will be paid to 3rd place: 50%, 30%, 20% .

CANCELLATIONS – Entries, Stables, Tack and Camping

If the show is cancelled prior to commencing, a refund will be given excluding any admin/facility fees and entry fees paid less 15%.

REFUNDS

No refunds will be given after the closing date of entries unless accompanied by a Veterinary/Medical Certificate.

Refunds will exclude admin and facility fees. A refund request form, available at show office, or via email to tropicanaclassic@gmail.com is to be filled out and returned by **the 11th of July 2024** to the Show Secretary for any refund to be considered.

AQHA and TCQHP POLICIES

No alcohol is allowed in, or can be consumed in the marshalling areas, working arenas or show pen/contest areas. Competitor's/participants at any event have a responsibility to ensure the welfare of their horses and at all times to treat their horses humanely and with dignity, respect and compassion.

Competitors/participants are to conduct themselves in a professional manner and act with integrity in all dealings with the Association and other competitors. To uphold the rules and regulations of the AQHA and TCQHP at all times. Competitors/participants are always to demonstrate good sportsmanship, showing respect for your fellow competitors and officials, following the rules and to treat people the way you yourself wish to be treated.

All Youth competing or taking part in an AQHA approved show/s must be in the care of a parent/legal guardian whilst at the event. If a parent/legal guardian will not be attending the show, an AQHA Youth waiver form must be completed stating the emergency contact details of the responsible adult / caregiver for the youth. Contact details will be used in the case of an emergency and/or contest dispute at the show. It is the responsibility of the parent/legal guardian to have the appropriate waiver forms to the show office prior to the commencement of the show.

INCIDENTS AT SHOWS

Will be dealt with by Show Management under Rules 40.2 and 40.2.1

ANIMAL HEALTH

A Veterinarian will be on call. In the case of outbreak of any contagious or infectious disease amongst horses, neither the AQHA, the TCQHP nor the Sponsors or Show Organisers will be liable for any damage or loss that may occur to any person or animal. Should the facility go into lock-down at any stage during competition, then it is the responsibility of the owner/handler to provide for care of such horse/s.

The AQHA Statement of Animal Welfare will apply in all cases to all horses at the show. Rule 39.

DRUGS/MEDICATION

A horse that has had any prohibited foreign substance or drugs administered internally or externally cannot compete. Exception: Acceptable foreign substances listed in Rule 2.9 and drugs as administered under Rule 2.8 b). a)

A patch of any type, medicinal or otherwise cannot be on a horse when that horse is being exhibited.

b) A horse that is injured or taken ill once it has arrived at the official show venue, or whilst on the ground during the event, may compete after that horse has been treated by a Veterinarian at that show. The attending Veterinarian must sign a certificate which states:

- what the horse is suffering from
- what treatment, including any substances that have been administered internally or externally, and that the horse is sound enough to compete at that show

c) The certificate must be given to the Show Secretary/Show Manager prior to the horse competing.

d) A horse cannot be injected at a show unless the Veterinarian, that attended the horse at the show, has otherwise instructed. A Vet Certificate showing the treatment required must be obtained.

Acceptable Foreign Substances

The following substances are acceptable:

- Antiprotozoals
- Anti-ulcer medication
- Insect repellent
- Anthelmintics
- Rehydration fluids
- B vitamins(orally)
- Regumate/Altrenogest (mares only)
- Topical ointments not containing Corticosteroids, irritant, or painkillers
- Preventative joint restorative therapies and general "over the counter" feed store supplements Every exhibitor will, upon request of show management or the Association representative, permit a specimen of saliva, urine, blood, or any other substance to be taken for testing. Refusal to comply with such a request will constitute grounds for immediate disqualification of the horse from further participation at the event. If the laboratory report on the chemical analysis of saliva, urine, blood, or other sample taken from the horse indicates the presence of a foreign substance, prohibited drug or medication, this will be taken as prima facie evidence such substance has been administered to the horse.

RISK

Competitors realise that horse related competition has an inherent risk and as such compete at this competition at their own risk. The AQHA, TCQHP and Show organisers will accept no liability for accident, loss or injury. This applies to all competitors, their connections, horses and spectators. Entries will not be accepted unless the Liability Waiver has been signed by owners and exhibitors of all horses.

ATTIRE

Exhibitors must always be correctly attired whilst in the Marshalling area and Show arenas.

Handlers in the marshalling area, and any person that enters the arena as a helper etc, whilst the show is in progress, must wear a minimum of a cap/hat, long western style pants/jodhpurs, safe enclosed footwear, and a shirt with sleeves.

For any person using the marshalling area or arena when the show is not in progress, but the show has not finished, attire is a minimum of long western style pants/jodhpurs, safe enclosed footwear, and a shirt with sleeves.

Show Officials who have cause to enter the Show arena must wear western attire including western hat, western pants, long sleeved shirt with collar (band, stand-up, tuxedo and western boots).

Hunter In Hand: A collared polo shirt or collared dress shirt, minimum of a short sleeve, must be white or black, no patterns. Dress pants must be cream, brown, blue or black. Jodphurs can be worn, no jeans. Refer Rule 88.2

English Attire Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunter Hack

Exhibitor must wear: hunt coat, breeches or jodphurs, high English boots or elastic sided paddock boots with or without gaiters, a shirt with a collar and a minimum of a short sleeve, a tie, choker or dickey with a shirt that has short sleeves, Approved safety helmet, Gloves, spurs and crops that are approved by the AQHA are optional, Hair must be neat and contained.

GENERAL INFORMATION

HALTER - The use of any artificial mechanical aids including, but not limited to lighters, pins, clickers etc is prohibited. Earphones, earbuds and/or other electronic devices are strictly prohibited in the competition arena and such usage is penalised by disqualification.

Lunged and ridden horses are not to be exercised together in the same area.

No training equipment allowed in the immediate marshalling area and the performance arena from one hour before the show starts or one hour after the completion of the show on each day.

Any rider/handler who does not comply with these requirements will be removed from the area and may be disqualified from competition for the duration of the show.

Only contestants in the specific classes and Show Officials will be allowed in the competition arena or marshalling area during the judging except for handlers assisting disabled riders.

QSEC will be under the control of the Show Manager or such person he/she appoints to act on his/her behalf and shall have the discretion to eject any exhibitor from the said area for inhumane treatment and/or training of any horse or the failure to observe the Rules and Regulations of the competition and the Rules & Regulations of the AQHA or any reasonable request. Your co-operation is expected.

Any necessary Rules & Regulations not covered by the Australian Quarter Horse Association will be determined by the Show Management and their decision will be final and without recourse of any kind. The Show Management reserves the right to add any further applicable Rules & Regulations before, or during the Show. These rules will be posted at the Secretary's office and will be announced over the public address system, such instances could be out of bounds working areas, closure of areas to the public or horses or any other instance that may arise.

Show Management may exclude horses from competition should there be any unnecessary or embarrassing delay on the part of the exhibitor in bringing the horse into the competition arena. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to present themselves at the competition arena gate when called. Failure to report on final call will result in disqualification from the class. If a horse is excluded from entry, all entry fees and charges for the class are forfeited without liability, to the show organisers/committee.

Show Management reserve the right to change the order of classes before or during the show. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to be aware of any changes, which will be posted at the Show Secretary's office. Every endeavour will be made to give one (1) hours' notice of any changes to the running order of events; however, every endeavour will be made to avoid changes.

Any exhibitor or rider, who refuses to obey the request of the Show Manager, will after consultation with the Show Committee, may be automatically disqualified from further competition at the show and forfeits all previous winnings together with all entry fees and other charges. At the discretion of the Show Manager, after consultation with the Show Committee, the offending individual and his/her entire exhibit may be removed from the grounds.

PROTESTS

Protests must be made in writing to the Show Secretary and be lodged within 30 minutes of the completion of the disputed event. A cash fee of \$50 must accompany any protest lodged. The Show Disputes Committee will consist of the Show Manager, a Show Committee member and a Competitor (not a youth).

FIRST AID officer will be available on the grounds while the competition is in session.

PHOTOGRAPHER/VIDEOGRAPHER must be appropriately attired whilst in the show pen being shirt with sleeves, western style pants/jeans and closed in shoes.

An official photographer will be in attendance throughout the show. **Ev Lagoon Photography** will be present as our official show photographer at the main arena and **the secondary photographer (to be advised)** will officiate at the photobooth and secondary arena.

Competitors and spectators alike may be subject to the use of photographers and/or videographers under the direction of show management, the result of which may be used for TCQHP and as an affiliate AQHA and ARCHA promotional material. Participants by entering this event are giving permission to Tropicana Classic to use any and all images for promotional purposes, unless indicating otherwise in entries. Images will be available to all competitors after the event has concluded and must contact the photographer direct. Parental permission will be sought for use of Youth photos and videos.

BACK NUMBERS

Back numbers will be allocated per horse and must be displayed when competing – NO back number or INCORRECT back number = no placing. Back numbers will be available at the show office. Please return at the conclusion of the show. For halter classes, back number to be displayed on handlers back. For ridden classes, the back number is to be pinned on either side of the saddle blanket with the numbers displayed clearly.

HIGH POINT AWARD CLASSES

Calculated as per AQHA rule 45.

Nominations must be noted on the entry form before closing date of entries or the first two horses used by the youth, amateur or select amateur in the show will be the only two horses' points that count towards high point calculations.

2-Year-Old Performance Horse		171	183	224								
3-Year-Old	Halter classes	178	196	204	207	216 or 217	220	234	243	245		
Junior Horse	Halter classes	176	186	204	207	216 or 217	220	227	243	245		
Senior Horse	Halter classes	180	199	204	206	216 or 217	220	237	243	245		
Amateur Junior	Halter classes	2	175	191	197	203	218	221	232	240	244	247
Amateur Senior	Halter classes	2	177	197	200	203	218	221	238	240	244	247
Select Amateur Performance		3	179	185	188	203	218	221	226	229	244	248
Novice Amateur Performance		5	173	190	193	231	235	249				
Junior Youth	Halter classes	4	174	192	194	201	219	222	233	236	242	246
Senior Youth	Halter classes	1	172	184	187	201	219	222	225	228	242	246
EWD		6	170	198	239							

VERSATILITY TROPICANA CLASSIC 2024

Yearling Versatility

- Class 160 - compulsory must enter and compete in this class
- Class 162, 164, 167a - must enter and compete in a minimum of two (2) of these classes

2-Year-Old Versatility

- Class 161 - compulsory must enter and compete in this class
- Class 163, 165, 167b - must enter and compete in a minimum of two (2) of these classes

CLASS RULES

2-Year-Old Horses

- 2-Year-Old horses can only compete in either the 2-Year-Old or Junior Horse categories, not both. A 2-Year-Old can only compete in a maximum of **three** ridden classes at the show.

Halter (AQHA, PHAA & AAA)

Nominated Classic Sires Feature

All progeny regardless of breed are eligible, provided they are registered with a breed association or performance registry (for providing proof of parentage).

2024 eligibility to compete:

- Nominated sires and their progeny of all ages
- Weanling progeny from 2023 nominated sires

For list of eligible progenies please visit <https://tropicanaclassic.weebly.com/nominated-stallions.html>

Nominated Classic Sires - Stallion Buy In

- Total buy-in cost \$500 per stallion
- Written permission of the stallion owner/manager is to be obtained.
- No limit to number of progeny owners in a buy in group
- One person from each group is to be nominated as liaison to provide TCQHP with a list of contributors, receive invoice and make payment.
- A stallion buy in entitles contributors/progeny owners to enter their progeny in the nominated sires features at the 2024 Tropicana Classic show for the 2024 year only.
- The benefits afforded to the nominated stallions from the auction, such as one free entry, eligibility for the high point sires buckle, advertising and future show eligibility for weanling progeny do not apply to a buy in stallion.
- Progeny owners of a buy in stallion can buy in and pay the buy in fee up to close of entries for the show.

Power of the Mare Feature

- Total buy-in cost of \$55 (inc. GST) per mare
- Written permission of the mare owner/manager is to be obtained.
- No limit to number of progenies entered per mare nominated.
- All progeny, regardless of breed are eligible, provided they are registered with a breed association or performance registry (for providing proof of parentage).
- The class will have an overall winner and place getters awarded. Individual age group winners will also be awarded:
 - Weanling
 - Yearling
 - 2 & 3-Year-Old
 - 4 Years & Over

- Points earned from the progeny in this class will be calculated and attributed to the nominated mares high point award.
- Progeny entered in this class will also accumulate points which will be attributed to the nominated mares overall high point award from any other classes they enter in the halter program. **Must be entered in the POM class to earn points from other halter classes.**

Halter Features

Must be registered with the AQHA or other relevant breed organisations (PHAA & AAA) (Rule 42.5b).

Limited Amateur & Limited Youth Division (run concurrent)

- Limited Division is run concurrently with All-Age Amateur Feature/All Age Youth Feature
- Handler of the limited Division must compete in the All- Age Amateur Feature/All Age Youth Feature
- Handler is not to have won a national halter title in 2022, 2023 or 2024 at the time of nomination.

Get of Sire

Must have three progeny, of any age or of either sex exhibited. The sire need not be shown. The entry at the show must be made by the owner of the sire, or by someone with written permission from the owner of the sire, but it is unnecessary for the get to be owned by the owner of the sire.

Performance Halter

- AQHA registered horse must have a Register of Merit in a Performance Class.
- PHAA registered horse must have a Register of Merit in a Performance Class.
- AAA registered horse must have Recognition Award in a ridden event.
- The following horses cannot be shown with any cord or device through the mouth including but not limited to lip chains or lip cords; Mares, Geldings & Weanling Colts or - any horse shown in performance halter or a versatility ranch conformation class
- A horse is not eligible for both its normal halter class and the performance halter class at the same show.
- Champion & Reserve for each of the eligible four breeds, for Gelding, Colt/Stallion and Filly/Mare in Youth, Open & Amateur divisions.

Western Performance

Must be registered with the AQHA or other relevant breed organisations (PHAA & AAA) (Rule 42.5b).

Lunge line

- A 2-year-old that is exhibited in Lunge Line cannot be shown under saddle at the show.

Led Trail

- As per AQHA Rule Book

Western Pleasure \$6,500 ATW Classic with Limited Division

- ATW 4 & 5 Yr Old Classic \$5,500 Open division + Buckle
- ATW 4 & 5 Yr Old Classic \$1,000 Limited division open to all. The first three placed riders from the Tropicana Classic 2023, Summer Sizzler 2024 and NPHA 2024, 4 & 5-Year-Old Western Pleasure Classes are ineligible for the limited division.
- Entry fee \$175 (includes entry into Limited Division)

Hunter Under Saddle Classic

- Amateur Owner Classic is as follows:
 - Horses must be Amateur Owned.

Ranch Riding

- No horse can cross enter, a western pleasure and ranch riding class at the show regardless of division (i.e. youth, amateur, or open).
- Only horses 3 years of age and older can be exhibited.

- **Note:** The Novice Amateur Ranch Riding is only an eligible point earning class for the AQHA, not the AAA or PHAA

Hack

Led Hack

- English equipment and attire required.
- EA Rules
- All Breeds Eligible

Ridden Hack

- English equipment and attire required.
- AQHA/EA Rules
- All Breeds Eligible

Hunter Hack

- English equipment and attire required.
- AQHA/EA Rules
- All Breeds Eligible

Versatility Ranch (AQHA Rules)

All breeds are eligible to compete.

- No horse under the age of 3 may be exhibited.
- Hoof polish/black, braided/banded/false manes and tails will result in a disqualification. Trimming inside ears is discouraged. Silver & excessive 'bling' on attire and equipment is also discouraged.
- The use of two-rein is only allowed in Ranch Reining, Ranch Cow Work/Limited Cow Work.
- Heritage Snafflebit Division – *cannot enter All Age and Snafflebit division at the same show.*
 - Horses to be ridden in a swinging fender, stock saddle or half-breed saddle.
 - Horses are to be ridden two-handed in a snaffle, egg-butt, or D-bit, regardless of horses age.
- Cow Work / Limited
 - Youth are REQUIRED to wear an approved safety helmet.
- Conformation
 - No horses may be shown in cords or lip chains.
- Beginner
 - Beginners are those that have not won more 3 classes in each section of the Ranch (e.g., if you have won 3 Ranch Pleasures you are ineligible to compete in the Ranch Pleasure, however, you can still compete in other Ranch classes i.e., Trail, Reining etc).
 - Horses may be unregistered, correct western attire must be worn, and may ride in a western / stock fender saddle.
 - Horses may be any age, ridden 2 handed in a snaffle bit or one handed in a bridle, regardless of age of horse.

Cow Horse & Boxing (ARCHA)

- All breeds are eligible to compete as per Australian Reined Cow Horse Association rules.
- Sundance Horsemanship Bridle Feature
 - Open to all competitors, bridle, rommel reins, western saddle, chaps or chinks required. Youth REQUIRED to wear an approved safety helmet.
 - Open horses aged 6 & over.
- Snaffle bit
 - Open to horses aged 5 & under, snaffle bit/hackamore/bosal, in any saddle, chaps or chinks not required. Youth REQUIRED to wear an approved safety helmet.
- Hackamore Feature
 - Open 5 & Under horse's who have not competed in a bridle down the fence, the following equipment is required; hackamore, western saddle, chaps or chinks. Youth REQUIRED to wear an approved safety helmet.
- Two Reined Cow Horse

- Open to all competitors and horses who have not competed in an Open Bridle Class prior to the current show season.
- Two reined bridle, western saddle, chaps or chinks required. Youth REQUIRED to wear an approved safety helmet.
- A horse may be shown in the two-rein equipment for ONE YEAR ONLY regardless of the class it is shown in except in a Head Gear specific class i.e. snaffle bit, hackamore or bridle class.
- Kim Thake Saddles & Tack Two Handed Classic
 - Open to everyone and all horses regardless of skill level
 - Competitor will show in a snaffle bit or hackamore two handed, regardless of horses age
 - Western style saddle or swinging fender
 - Competitors will be required to wear jeans, long sleeved collared button shirt, cowboy boots, and cowboy hat or approved safety helmet. Chaps and chinks not required. Youth REQUIRED to wear an approved safety helmet.
 - If at any time while competing in this class the competitor's horse wins 3 TWO HANDED CLASS events, they are automatically ineligible to continue to compete in all two-handed classes.
 - If at any time the competitor's horse wins another class (i.e. Open, Non-Pro, etc.) they are automatically ineligible to continue to compete in all Two-Handed Classes.
 - Competitors can ride in this class for as long as they want until such time as they become ineligible according to the above rules.
- Box Drive (formerly the Two-Handed Advanced Boxing) / Two Handed Boxing
 - Open to everyone and all horses regardless of skill level
 - Competitor will show in a snaffle bit or hackamore two handed, regardless of horses age
 - Competitors will be required to wear jeans, long sleeved collared button shirt, cowboy boots, and cowboy hat or approved safety helmet. Chaps and chinks not required. Youth REQUIRED to wear an approved safety helmet.
 - If at any time while competing in this class the competitor's horse wins 3 TWO HANDED CLASS events, they are automatically ineligible to continue to compete in all two-handed classes.
 - If at any time the competitor's horse wins another class (i.e. Open, Non-Pro, etc.) they are automatically ineligible to continue to compete in all Two-Handed Classes.
 - Competitors can ride in this class for as long as they want until such time as they become ineligible according to the above rules.

Boxing (AQHA Rules)

- If a youth or amateur have achieved more than 20 points in boxing or working cow horse, (15 of which must be A points) they are not eligible to compete in boxing classes.
- Use of two rein equipment is allowed for ONE YEAR ONLY.
- Novice Youth
 - Youth aged 7 – 18 years.
 - Senior horses (6 years & over) must be shown in a bridle. Junior horses (2 – 5-year-old) must be shown with either a bit, Hackamore or Snaffle bit.
 - Youth REQUIRED to wear an approved safety helmet.
- Novice Amateur/Owner
 - Senior horses (6 years & over) must be shown in a bridle. Junior horses (2 – 5-year-old) must be shown with either a bit, Hackamore or Snaffle bit.